

In the Specification:

Please delete the heading at page 1, above line 1 beginning with "LITERAL TRANSLATION ...".

Please insert a new heading at page 1, above line 1, as follows:
TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please insert a new heading at page 1, above line 3, as follows:
FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 to 6, as follows:
The invention relates to a variable or deployable support structure with a modular construction or configuration, consisting of at least one collapsible support structure cell or module, according to the preamble of the claim 1.

Please insert a new heading at page 1, above line 7, as follows:
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please insert a new heading at page 4, above line 9, as follows:
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the paragraph at page 4, lines 19 to 21.

Please insert a new paragraph at page 4, above line 22, as follows:

The above mentioned problem has been solved according to the invention in a deployable structure with a modular configuration consisting of at least one collapsible module, which is bounded by joints of a first joint set, which are corner joints of the module and lie in a first surface, and by joints of a second joint set, which are corner joints of the module and lie in a second surface, and with at least one joint of a third joint set, which lies outside of the first surface, whereby at least some of the joints of the first and second joint sets respectively have a fixable position relative to one another, especially connectable with one another, by a guide mechanism, characterized in that, one of the joints of the third joint set is connected with at least two of the joints selected from at least one of the first and second joint sets by a tension-only non-rigid connecting element that is adapted and able to transmit only tension forces, and said one of the joints of the third joint set is arranged below a lowermost joint among the joints of the first joint set with which said one of the joints of the third joint set is connected, and characterized in that forces arising upon loading of the structure by at least one of a useful working load and a self-weight load are transmittable as tension forces away from said one of the joints of the third joint set to the joints of at least one of the first and second joint sets via the tension-only non-rigid connecting element that is adapted and able to transmit only tension forces.

Please insert a new heading at page 12, above line 17, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert a new heading at page 13, above line 17, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[RESPONSE CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]

4299/WFF:ar

- 4 -